

SENATOR FOWLER: I've handed it out.

CLERK: Pardon me.

SENATOR FOWLER: I've handed it...it's on everybody's desk.

CLERK: Oh.

SENATOR FOWLER: Unless you want to read it for practice. This is a grandperson clause. The concept here is that for a municipality that is replacing a small generating unit that it has approval for, and replacing that with one of the same size, it doesn't have to go through the whole Power Review Board hearing if it's less than 25 megawatts or 25 thousand kilowatts...it's the same, or as long as the power is not going to be wholesaled to customers outside the applicant's existent service area. So, if you have a community that wants to replace one of its old generating units with a unit of the same size, and it's less than 25 megawatts, and that power is just going to be used for the community, then they would not have to go to the Power Review Board, and I think that essentially is what the original Power Review Board exemptions was trying to do, was to be concerned, to let municipalities that were supplying their own power not to have to go through the process, but we're seeing a whole new thing with the municipal power pool, with the desire of municipalities to become wholesalers, and I think it's our belief that that certainly should be regulated by the Power Review Board. So, Senator Kelly has seen the amendment, and some other people, and Senator Kelly wanted to raise it from 20 thousand to 25 thousand, and that was agreeable. So I would move adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Clerk, have you read the amendment? I think there has been some request that the Clerk read the amendment. So why doesn't the Clerk read the amendment, and then I'll recognize those that wish to speak to this amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment reads as follows: (Read amendment as found on Pages 695 and 696 of the Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now before we proceed, in the south balcony it's my privilege to welcome from the Panhandle of Nebraska 44 Save Nebraska Water Committee members. Would you stand so we may say hello? Senator Vickers, you have spoken. Senator Clark, do you wish to speak? Okay. Do you want to speak to the Fowler amendment?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes, I do, Mr. President.